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THROUGH
The Wilderness of this World,

TO THE
Mansions of Eternal Glory.

WITH

A most Pious and Religious Catechism,
fitting for the Capacities of Young Chil-
dren; with several Morning and Evening
Prayers: And Prayers before and after
the Receiving the Holy Communion.

With Graces before and after Meat,
To which is added the Life of

Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson.

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A Catechism for Children.

Question. **W**ho made thee?

Answer God.

Question. What is God?

A. He is Almighty, Maker, and Governour of all things.

Q. Wherefore did the Lord make thee?

A. To serve him.

Q. How oughtest thou to serve him?

A. As he hath appointed in his Laws.

Q. which be they?

A. The keeping of the Ten Commandments, as they are appointed in the Twentieth Chap. of Ex.

Q. What dost thou believe concerning Jesus Christ?

A. I believe he is the only begotten Son of God, of the Father, the Eternal Son of God, and able to save sinners.

Q. What hath Christ done for thee?

A. He dyed for me.

Q. If Christ were God, how could he Dye?

A. Christ was both God and Man, as he was God, he could not dye; but being Man, he dyed for my sins, and rose again for my Redemption.

Q. Are all then saved by the Death of Christ?

A. No; only such are saved as by lively faith hold on him.

Q.

Q. What is a lively Faith.

A. A true Belief and faithful relying on all the Promises of God, and a stedfast belief that Christ dyed as well for my Sins as any other, if I, thro Faith, do lay hold on him.

Q. Who was the first Man that God Created?

A. Adam.

Q. Who was his Wife?

A. Eve.

Q. Of whom was the first Man, Adam, a Figure?

A. Of the Second Adam, Jesus Christ.

Q. How do you prove that?

A. The first Man Adam was made a living Soul, and the last Adam, Christ, was made a quickning Spirit.

Q. What cast Adam out of Paradise?

A. Sin.

Q. Who was the Faithfullest Man?

A. Abraham.

Q. In what?

A. In offering his only Son Isaac when he was tried.

Q. What else?

A. He lefe his Native Land, as God commanded.

Q. Who was the Meekest Man on Earth?

A. Moses.

Q. Who was the hard-heartedst Man

A. *Pharoah.*

Q. Who was the Patientest Man?

A. *Job.*

Q. Wherein?

A. *When the tydings came to him of the sudden loss of his Goods and his Children. he said, Blessed be the Name of the Lord.*

Q. How long did he live?

A. *Nine Hundred sixty nine years.*

Q. Who was the only Righteous Man?

A. *Noah.*

Q. What Man Wrestled with Gods Angel

A. *Jacob.*

Q. Where?

A. *At Penel, when he was going to meet his Brother Esau.*

Q. After his Wrestling with God, who was he called?

A. *Israel.*

Q. VVhy?

A. *Because as a Prince he had power with God.*

Q. VVho was the only Man after Gods own heart?

A. *David.*

Q. VVherein?

A. *He followed the Lord with all his heart.*

Q. VVho was the wisest Man?

A. *Solomon.*

Q. VVherein?

A. *In asking of God for Understanding.*

- Q. VWho was the strongest Mān ?
 A. Sampson.
 Q. VWherein lay his great strength?
 A. In his Hair.
 Q. How many Judges Governed *Israel* ?
 A. Seventeen ; from Judah to Samuel.
 Q. What occasioned the Change of *Israels* Government ?
 A. Samuels Son's ill Government.
 Q. Who was the first King of *Israel* ?
 A. Saul.
 Q. Who was the second King of *Israel* ?
 A. David.
 Q. Who was the third King of *Israel* ?
 A. Solomon.
 Q. How long did Solomon Reign ?
 A. Forty Years.
 Q. Who was the Oldest Man ?
 A. Methusalem.

A Prayer before the Receiving of the Holy Sacrament.

O Heavenly Father, fit me with a lively Faith, profound humility, filial obedience, inflamed affections, and universal charity : O raise in my Soul, all those heavenly transports of zeal and devotion, of love and desire, of joy and delight, of praise and thanksgiving, which becomes the remembrance of a crucified Saviour, which becomes one redeemed by the Blood of God, and that for his sake only that redeemed me, in whose holy Words I sum up all the Graces and Blessings I stand in need of. *Our Father, &c.*

A Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament.

O How plentiful is thy goodness, my Lord, and my God, which thou hast laid up for those that fear thee, and put their trust in thy Mercy!

Was it not love infinite enough dearest Lord, to give thy self for me on the Cross? Was not that Sacrifice of thy self sufficient to expiate the Sins of the whole World? What, Lord, couldst thou then do more for me?

O dearest Lord, raise thou my Devotion to the highest pitch it can possibly reach, to praise thee; enlarge my Soul to its utmost extent to love thee. *Amen*

A Prayer for the Morning.

Blessed be God, for keeping me this Night past. God bless me, and keep me from sin and danger this day following; and give me Grace to love and serve him, and to honour and obey my Father and Mother, according to his Commandment, that I may inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, thro' Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Night.

Blessed be God, for keeping me this day past in health and safety. God forgive my Sins, and give me Grace to do so no more: God give me Faith in Christ, and Salvation by him. God bless me and keep me, and my Father and Mother, this night and for ever, thro' Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Morning Prayer.

VVE bless thee for keeping us this night past, and day present hitherto. Now take us, O Lord, into thy protection; guide, bless, and keep us

us from sin and danger, Grant we may always so demean our selves as in thy sight and presence, that at the last day we may give up our accomptes with joy, Hear and answer us for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, in whos name and words we further pray unto thee, saying, *Our Father, &c.*

An Evening Pracr.

WE blefs thee for the blessing of the day past, that thro thy goodness we have not wanted any good thing. Pardon the Sins we have this day committed, and be fully reconciled to us in Christ: take us into thy tuition this following night; refresh us with quiet rest and sleep, and raise us up the ensuing day (if thou shalt in mercy add it to our lives) to serve thee with diligence in the discharge of the duties of our places, to thy praise and our comfort and salvation, thro Jesus Christ our only Lord and Saviour: to whom, with thy self and holy Spirit, be all Honour, Praise and Glory, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Grace before Meat.

God blefs his good Creatures to me.

Grace after Meat.

Blessed be God for his Goodness in feeding of me.

Before Meat.

God blefs us and our Food . and save us through Faith in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

After Meat.

Blessed be God for our health, food, and hope of Salvation, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Child compleatly Arm'd for Christ, &c.

A More notable Instance of True saving Knowledge than what I am going to lay before you, as a worthy pattern to guide and direct your lives and conversations by, has perhaps been seldom or never recorded, especially in these latter woful evil days wherein Sin and wickedness so much abound, and wherein all manner of Abominations, with Grief I speak it, are so much countenanced, &c.

Elizabeth Robinson, was the Daughter of *John Robinson*, a very reputable Mercer in the Parish of *St. Martins* in the fields: she was carefully, by her Religious Father taught and well acquainted with the Holy Scriptures: But indeed there appeared nothing extraordinary in her, till towards the 11th year of her Age, at which time it pleased God to visit her with a sharp fit of Sicknes; during the continuance whereof one asked her, what she thought would become of her if she should dye? She answer'd. *That she was afraid she should go to Hell.* Being asked why she harb'ur'd such Thoughts, she reply'd, *Because she feared she did not love God.* Again, being asked how she did know she did not love God? she replied, *What have I done for God ever since I was born?* Being asked again, Whether she was not sorry that she could not love God? she answered, *Yes; but was still afraid it was to late* some few Months After this she had a discovery on her approaching Death which was no small comfort to her: *Anon*, said she, *I shall be with Christ, and I shall live, with him for ever.* So she dyed between a Eleven and Twelve years old.